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Commitments of Soviet Combat Divisions in
Connection with the Uprisings in East Berlin and the Zone

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Commitment</u>
57th Guard Motorized Rifle Division	Apparently used only in patrol duty in the Weissenfels-Naumburg-Eisenach area.
39th Guard Motorized Rifle Division	Mass apparently used only in patrol duty in the Mainingen-Ohrdruf-Plauen-Saalfeld area. Some units from Plauen used from 17 to 22 June 1953 in the uranium mining district.
20th Guard Mechanized Division	To Weimar and Zeitz from Ohrdruf maneuver ground between 17 June 1953 and 26 June 1953. Its employment in Jena is rumored.
21st Guard Mechanized Division	In Halle.
94th Guard Motorized Rifle Division	Probably only in patrol duty in the Wismar-Schwerin-Hagenow area.
207th Motorized Rifle Division	From Letzlinger Heide to Quedlinburg, Gommern, and the area Aschersleben-Eisleben (definitely located). Employment in Stendal suspected.
18th Mechanized Division	Parts of the division moved from Wittstock maneuver area and were used at Perleberg from 17 June to 27 June 1953.
19th Mechanized Guard Division	From 17 June 1953 used en masse in Magdeburg. By 6 July 1953 probably all the units that can be located, again back in the Letzlinger Heide.
11th Guard Armored Division	Large units from the Koenigsbrück maneuver area to Dresden, between 17 June 1953 and 1 July 1953. Possibly also in Bautzen.
9th Armored Division	Arrival of the first units of the division in Riesa and Oschatz, coming from the maneuver area Zeithain, 18 June 1953. Since the maneuver ground was very lightly held on 2 July 1953, it may be assumed that the bulk of this division was at this time in the three garrisons of Riesa, Oschatz, and Meissen.

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8th Guard Mechanized Division

Moved with most of its units (at least two mechanized regiments and two tank regiments) from the maneuver area of Königsbrück to Leipzig. After 2 July 1953, there remained in Leipzig, Heiterblick Barracks, perhaps part of a mechanized regiment of this division. Further small units identified in Grimma, Würzen, and Leisnig until their return on 2 July 1953.

14th Guard Mechanized Division

Mass of the division brought into Berlin from 17 to 28 June 1953.

9th Mechanized Division

The camp on the maneuver ground Forst Tauer was almost unoccupied from 18 to 26 June 1953. On 18 and 19 June 1953 about half the division was definitely identified in the barracks in Cottbus. The barracks in Luebben were at the same time very lightly occupied. On 17 and 18 June 1953 about 100 tanks were observed on the march from the direction of Cottbus, passing through Muskau, in the direction Niesky Goerlitz. However, parts of the division were not spotted at all in the Goerlitz area. Its use in this area seems probable, since after 5 July 1953, empty cars of the state railways were ordered to Goerlitz.

6th Guard Armored Division

Tank units were sent from the Werder-Markendorf maneuver area to Wittenberg and Dessau on 18 June 1953. Withdrawal followed --on 26 June 1953 from Dessau to Wittenberg and on 9 July 1953 from Wittenberg to the Jueterbog area.

7th Guard Armored Division

Units arriving in the Dessau-Rosslau area from 17 June 1953. Whether these represented a residual commando, left in garrison at Rosslau, or whether units of the division were sent from Letzlinger Heide cannot, thus far, be ascertained. Furthermore, employment of units of the division in the Halle-Merseburg area can be traced. No further confirmation is as yet available.

1st Mechanized Division

From 17 June to 12 July 1953, this division was committed in the East Sector of Berlin with most of its units.

12th Guard Armored Division

From 17 June to 12 July 1953 most units of this division were committed in the East Sector of Berlin.

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9th Guard Armored Division

Mass of the division was no doubt given only security missions in the Neustrelitz-Neubrandenburg district. How far the 33rd Guard Motorized Rifle Regiment was taken from its barracks on the Castaven-See near Fürstenberg into the Berlin area, cannot be unreservedly stated.

6th Guard Mechanized Division

The mass of the division apparently was either transported or marched under its own power between 17 and 30 June 1953 from the Templin maneuver ground. It is believed that ground units were entering Weichbild, city of Berlin, until about 23 June 1953, but this cannot be definitely affirmed. Until 10 July 1953 the division, with almost all its units, was in garrisons of Eberswalde, Bernau, and Bad Freienwalde.

7th Guard Mechanized Division

There are no concrete evidences of the eventual use of this division. There is no doubt, however, that from 17 June 1953 units of the division were moving out of the Lieberose maneuver ground to Frankfurt an der Oder.

25th Armored Division

Small units moved from the Templin maneuver ground to Oranienburg, from 17 to 26 June 1953.

10th Guard Armored Division

Employment of individual units of the division in the Brandenburg-Potsdam area is suspected but cannot be definitely affirmed.

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